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Case 8311

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of ::  
R.J. Isfort, et al. ::  
Serial No. 09/694,519 :: Group Art Unit 1656  
Filed October 23, 2000 :: Examiner T. Strzelecka  
For METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING COMPOUNDS FOR REGULATING MUSCLE MASS  
OR FUNCTION USING VASOACTIVE INTESTINAL PEPTIDE RECEPTORS

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Action dated November 30, 2001, which provides a three (3) month period for response said response being extended by three (3)-months, pursuant to the fee charged to the Assignee's Deposit Account in the papers submitted herewith, please consider the following remarks

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please amend the following claims

15. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of muscle diseases, comprising:

- (a) a safe and effective amount of a VPAC receptor agonist; and  
(b) a pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier.

16. (Twice Amended) The method for increasing skeletal muscle mass or function according to Claim 27 in a subject wherein the compound is a selective VPAC receptor agonist.

27. (Amended) A method for increasing skeletal muscle mass or function in a subject in which

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